

An Ounce of Prevention

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"Now, Tom, dear," said little Mrs. Ellis, handing him a cup of coffee. "I have something serious to say to you."

"Yes," Mr. Ellis' tone was notably strengthened. He was leaning at the unsmiling curve of her soft white arm. She had the cunningest way of giving her long sleeves a twirl to keep them out of the way as she passed anything at table, and this morning the sleeve was a great slice she embroidered with Japanese Iris. However, for her own good her husband had not told her all her attractions for him. Not knowing his train of thought, she observed only the preoccupation in his tone. This confirmed her in the wisdom of her determination, but it also gave her a queer little disposition to let down the corners of her mouth.

"Well, it is only this, Tom," she prodded, her eyes studiously avoiding his. Pre-occupation in his tone was surely bad enough to recognize it in his eyes would be intolerable. "You see, we have been staying so closely together since the wedding, now three whole months. Aren't you just a little afraid we are overdoing the devoted? When I see so many married couples who are just as happy away from each other, or more so, I dread the time"— Her lip quivered, but this time Mr. Ellis was giving his attention to the smooth whiteness of her neck. He did not answer, and in a moment she went on in a sterner voice. "You remember the 'ounce of prevention,' dear?"

"Worth a pound of patent medicine, isn't it?" he replied frivously, and when she proceeded gravely her voice had faded down to actual wistfulness. "For fear, Tom, that our happiness should lose some of its tone in such constant association as ours I have been thinking that maybe it would be better not to see each other quite so often, I couldn't bear to see that you were growing tired of me!"

"Her infinite variety," he began to quote, but she interrupted him with a lift of the kimono clad arm that set his thoughts adrift again. "We must consider the subject seriously, dear," she said softly and plaintively. "Suppose we plan deliberately to keep new to each other by taking some of our pleasures away from each other."

"Goodness, Betty!" he exclaimed. "I thought we were married in order to enjoy ourselves together."

"We did, but see how people get after a few years! The Thomases, now, for instance—how different they are! And yet I am old enough to remember that they were perfectly self-sufficient together at first. There are the Ripleys, too. They're congenial and apparently the best of friends, but Mrs. Ripley doesn't seem to mind at all that her husband spends the greater part of his time away from her. We are only that I dread such a phase in our life."

He looked at her in surprise. Who would have thought her capable of such serious consideration of a life problem—this pretty creature of sunshine and smiles? Just then a thought popped into his mind. Suppose she were already getting tired—just a little bored with him! It would be like her to contrive some tactful way of telling him. And then Betty had been a belle; there had been a score of fellows dancing attendance upon her, even up to the very day of the wedding. Perhaps she was feeling dull, and no wonder, with such a poor stick as he as her only companion. He pondered a few moments, making a great sacrifice, while trivially engaged in sipping his fragrant breakfast coffee. When he spoke his tone was cheerful.

"Well, Betty darling," he remarked, "that had not occurred to me until you spoke, but you are right. There is danger of overdoing the devoted, and we mustn't get tired of each other—we just must not! I have not been to the club—not since the wedding. I will go there to dinner this evening and you must accept one of your numerous invitations. You have Dolly to go with you, and I will send a carriage to be at your disposal for the evening."

"Yes," acquiesced Betty in a small voice, keeping her eyes upon her plate. She had not expected her ideas to be adopted with so little protest, and it was not cheering to find herself so correct in her forethought.

He looked at her sharply for a moment, then came over to her side of the table and kissed her goodby most affectionately. She longed to tell him that it would seem like a month for him to go home until late that evening before she should see him again, but no—if he was already feeling the pull of the silken chain that bound them together she must not let him know that she was aware of it. She sprang merrily up, went with him to the door, chattering about this and that, as though her every thought was not of the evening that was going to be so lonely without him. When he turned back at the corner for a last look the wave of her small hand was positively hilarious.

The day crept by. At first her impulse was to remain quietly at home for the evening, but he was going to the club, and she must not be behind him in carrying out the plan.

She accepted Mr. Ripley's invitation to hear Nedra with her. In the afternoon she dressed and went to a tea, wasted some hours over a visit to her

dressmaker and when evening finally came she arrayed herself for the socials. It was no fun at all to flounce about with those golden hair when there was no one there but Dolly to remark upon the effort.

feet and usually very poorly made for each. She would wear the tight suit with the yellow lace embroidery over it, and she would wear the dress that was a pretty as mud were. It was a sort of school satisfaction to be making herself lovely without the encumbrance of an unscarred sitting over in that big chair, his knee over the arm and a cigar in his mouth, but at the moment picture she smothered an irreverent smile. Truly looked at her seriously.

"I believe I am about to take cold," faltered the little mistress maddeningly. "My—my throat feels so queer."

When she entered the box and threw her great white cloak in a luxuriant heap in the chair behind her, Mrs. Ripley glanced over her with a look of decided approval.

"You were never prettier, Betty," she whispered, "and then it is so sensible of you not to be foolish about having Tom Ellis dangling after you everywhere you go."

"That is what we agreed only this morning," said Betty in a burst of confidence, and then she grew suddenly silent.

Her eyes, sweeping the crowded house, had fallen upon Tom Ellis in a group of men down near the footlights.

As the moments went on she began to feel aggrieved that he did not even glance toward the Ripley box, although he surely had known of the invitation.

She was glad when the music began, because her throat still had that queer feeling, and her lips wanted to tremble.

Norden's superb presence and her singing failed for the first time to absorb Betty's attention. She would not look again at that group down near the stage, but she could not keep from seeing them in her mind's eye. She was glad there were others in the box who felt like talking. She did not want Mrs. Ripley to regard her too closely after the drop of the curtain. The hum of conversation began in a moment, and she half turned toward those near her, seeming to listen, although she heard not a word. Still she would not look below her.

"Boo!" cried a frivolous exclamation at her shoulder, and she started violently. The rich blood surged into her face. She did not need to see whose hand was resting on her arm.

"Why, Betty Ellis," cried one gay voice, "you don't mean to tell me you are actually blushing over Tom, you ancient married woman, you! The Thomeys are for the buds."

"Then they are for Betty," said Tom gallantly. "What rosebud ever looked sweeter than she does this minute?"

"Tom!" she remonstrated, and he laughed and sat down beside her.

When the others were absorbed in themselves again he whispered to her: "Forgive me, Betty, if I bored you by coming. I just couldn't help it. I had forgotten all about the Ripley invitation until I saw you in the box. I came along just to be doing something."

"Don't," she begged, and the eyes that were lifted to his were full of tears. He covered her hand a moment with his and waited; then, when she had dryly wiped the moisture from her lids and had swallowed that troublesome lump, she whispered: "I was just mistaken after all. I don't believe in preventive measures like this. We are not tired yet. Let's just wait until we are."

"Done, Betty!" he agreed rapturously.

"Sensible!" interrupted Mrs. Ripley, turning quickly at the word, which had drifted to her ears. "Isn't she so, Tom? I was just telling her a little while ago that she was most remarkably so."

The two accepted the unmerited praise unblushingly and looked at each other with a happy laugh.

Stories From Java.

In Java the European "resident" of a government station is a very important personage, to whom great homage is rendered by the natives. A story is told of one resident who was thrown out of his dogcart while descending a hill. He had barely recovered from the stunning fall when he caught sight of his secretary—who had been following in his own carriage—coming bounding down the steep road like a big India rubber ball, rolling over and over in the dust. "Hello, have you been upset too?" asked the resident. "No, resident," sputtered the fat little secretary, scrambling to his feet again, "but I thought if the resident leaps I leap too."

During a cholera scare another resident invited a widow to remove to a high hill as a precaution against the disease. She, however, said that she thought her time to die had come, and as her husband had been a person of importance in his lifetime she asked only for the inestimable privilege of having her grave dug next to the resident's own.—Chicago News.

The Camping Girl.

Once upon a time there was a charming little girl who had three strings to her bow or three beaux to her—but you may smile at us you please—and she treated them so shrewdly that each one thought he was the own and only.

She was a very charming little girl, was she not? Yes, but after a time each one of the three began to nurture a dark suspicion that he was being played with, and so they went away and began to go with Susan Rogers and Mary Jones and other girls, and now the charming little girl is an old, old maid, who feels very sorry that she was so charming, and this is all there is to the story except the—

Moral.—Cunning little girls who play

with the fire too long may find in the end that they have less flames than they had when the fire was brightest.—San Francisco Call.

No Opium in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is not the least danger in giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to small children as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. It has an established reputation of more than thirty years as the most successful medicine in use for colds, croup and whooping cough. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Children like it.

Sold by all druggists.

Hobbies and Geometry.

Hobbies was not yet fifteen when he went to Oxford.

He did not much care for logic, yet he learned it and thought himself a good disputant.

There is no reason to think he learned anything else at Oxford save a strong knowledge of academic institutions and methods.

He turned from the official studies to amuse himself with geography and voyages. As to mathematics, there was no official recognition of them at all while Hobbes was at the university so there is nothing improbable in the statement that Hobbes had never opened a copy of Euclid until he was near middle age. The story is best told in Aubrey's own words.

"He was forty years old when he looked on geometry, which happened accidentally. Being in a gentleman's library, 'Euclid's Elements' lay open,

INDEPENDENT OPINION.

(Washington Post)

Even our very exalted friend Champ Clark has claimed of the democratic party nothing but, he thinks, there is a chance that it will get a base on this. If the game continues long enough this depends on the tariff, and if that issue should become paramount there is the hope that the democracy will not only get the base, but stand on it and immediately make the run. It would be worth a deal to hear what the blanch would say of a thing like that. And yet it is impossible, if Mr. Roosevelt should not order congress to "adjust" the tariff after it shall have finished the rate, making job the president intends to set it down to.

The Hon. Champ Clark recollects the glorious year 1890, when both Massachusetts and Iowa went democratic—not as democratic as Pike county, indeed, but sufficiently democratic for practical purposes. That was the Hon. Champ's first congress, and he made a hit and a run the first time he went to his first session.

He was talking about the tariff at the time. No wonder he wants to amend the rules and restore them to what they were when very democratic Iowa was vocal with "Cleveland, tariff reform, and victory," though the Hon. Champ was never a very enthusiastic Cleveland man.

But we must not reckon without Theodore Roosevelt. He is standing over more ground than anybody else, and he seems to be exempt from what happened to the pitcher that went to the well too often. Fate appears to have made him her favorite, and we all know that congress can deny him nothing. It now looks as though he will get the railroad question off his hands before the roses come again.

He is a very industrious man and bound to be busy. He is a very conscientious man and resolves to earn his salary. He loves big jobs, and how can he find a bigger one than "adjusting" the tariff?

What if he were to do that? If that, at, in this railroad business, the democratic party would be under his orders, and radiant with satisfaction as it fetched and carried for a republican administration. In that, as in this railroad business also, the G. O. P. would get the glory, and what is of more consequence—the usufruct?

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WEATHER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—For
Ohio: Partly cloudy tonight, and Friday
snow flurries in extreme northeast
portion; warmer tonight in southern
portion.Honestly the president's message
to congress on the railroad rate ques-
tion didn't have much of the "big
stick" ring in it. It was weak in
comparison with some of his public
utterances on the subject, and it had
the earmarks of a weakening on his
part. The senate will, however, give
him a thorough test.

NEVER WILL DO IT.

The editor of the Republican-
Gazette is the local correspondent of
the Columbus Dispatch. A few days
ago he sent a story to the Dispatch
that Mayor Robb was going to stop
the publication of the Republican-
Gazette on Sundays.Then he copied the story from the
Columbus Dispatch, and made it the
foundation for a silly attack on the
mayor. That's what we would call
hard work, and a round about way
to reach a point, and at that one
that didn't exist.Mayor Robb is too much of a dem-
ocrat to shut down the publication of
a paper doing the democratic party
the good the Sunday morning Re-
publican-Gazette is.

ONLY BY INFERENCE.

Did Thomas H. Jones find any short-
age in the county treasurer's office
when he took charge?The Campbell's should publish their
testimony before the grand jury on
this subject. There they convicted
themselves out of their own mouths,
and had to admit that every statement
they had made that the office had been
mal-administered was untrue.Did Tom Edwards find any short-
age in the county clerk's office when
he took it off the hands of C. M.
Shappell?If he did, let him say so, and we
will give it wide publicity.Did Johnson, republican commis-
sioner, find anything "covered up"
when he went into office as the suc-
cessor to Hefner?

If he did, we want him to say so.

The traducing of a man's character
by inference is solely the province
of a man who has no character him-
self.If the Gazette has any specific
charge against any democratic official
it should make that charge known.
If not it should be honest and fair
enough to cease its unjust and
dishonest inferences.

A HAPPY ENDING.

The boilermakers' strike, as an-
nounced in this paper yesterday it
would be, is ended, and the men who
walked out of the C. H. & D. shops be-
cause the management would not
agree that they would not have to
work on Erie engines, this morning
returned to work. This happy ending
of the affair came as the result of the
Erie's refusal to take over the C. H.
& D. and Pere Marquette roads after
an investigation, and the properties
reverted to the ownership of J. Pier-
pon Morgan.The boilermakers have conducted
themselves as gentlemen from the
moment they left the shop. Never was
there even an intimation of violence,
and they are deserving of the public's
plaudits for their good citizenship.Contests between labor and capital
are always easier to settle when both
sides are sensible.With the cause of the trouble—the
Erie's fight against union boilermakers
—removed, it was the easiest thing in
the world for Master Mechanic Hinck-
ley and the union boilermakers to get
together, because their had been no
bitter features arise in the differences
between them.The Times-Democrat congratulates
all interested, and that includes the
whole of Lima, on the happy outcome
of the matter.

THEY DIE HARD.

The Campbell, Quail, Gale, Hefner
gang keep right on groaning expiring
groans.M. M. Murray, republican can-
didate for sheriff, was defeated because
the people of the county knew the
man who was opposed to him, the
democratic candidate, Henry Van
Gunter was a better man for the
place.Mr. Van Gunter, as his right as
sheriff-elect, a few days ago an-
nounced that Charles Baxter, another

TONIGHT

Just before retiring if your liver is
tough, out of tone and you feel dull,
drowsy, fatigued, take a dose of
Hood's Pills

And you'll be all right in the morning.

Good and competent democrat would
be his chief competitor.That was another blow to the
bird editor, whose editor spent his
days and nights in sacrificing every-
body on the republican ticket in his
eagerness to elect the republican
candidate for sheriff.It was a hard blow, and every
time the bird editor thinks of it he
shakes his head and says it's a mistake.
This is revealed in his old and
honest song that the democratic offi-
cials in this county are dishonest.He has followed that policy so long
that he has disgusted every fair
thinking republican in the county.The office of sheriff under Sheriff
Barr has been honestly and capably
conducted. The republican smugly
commited sent out from Columbus
for the purpose of discrediting the
democratic officials in this county just
before an election, reported some
small discrepancies in the sheriff's
office, and later swallowed their anti-
election statements and ordered all
the money collected from Sheriff
Barr returned to him.There is nothing to "cover up" in
any county office controlled by dem-
ocrats, and the bird editor will some-
of these days make one too many
staudious statements along that
line.

WHERE TO GO.

Everybody will be at the big skating
reception tonight and see the great
Rexos, Finley's rink.

THE IDLER.

Lewis G. Bechdolt and Miss Myrtle
Collins were married at St. John's,
Auglaize county, and will reside with
the parents of the groom, east of Wap-
akoneta.

Attorneys for Isaac Sheely, John
Sheely and J. C. Peirce, who were in-
dicted by the recent grand jury for
blowing up gates of the bulkhead
of the Grand reservoir, have filed a
demurrer to the finding of Judge
Mathers on the motion to quash indict-
ments. The demurrers allege that
the offenses charged do not constitute
crimes under the law of the state of
Ohio.

Edward Paul and Miss Carrie Thies-
ing, of New Bremen, were married by
Rev. Hills, at Wapakoneta yester-
day. The groom is one of the most
promising young men of New Bre-
men.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nichols, 230
south West street, will entertain the
men's club of the First Baptist church
on Friday evening.

Mr. B. M. Poling has returned from
Tennessee, where he had Dr. T. H.
Foltz and other Lima gentlemen are
interested in a very promising zinc
property.They have erected a hundred ton
up-to-date mill and are offered \$60 per
ton for their product.The gentlemen interested are highly
elated over the outlook for their
property, as their vein shows wider
as it is worked, and the formation
mined carries 15 per cent of pure
turkey-lende zinc ore—as good as is
mined anywhere.

A dispatch from Hamilton to the
Cincinnati Enquirer, says:"Probate Judge Jones received a letter
today from Probate Judge Miller,
of Lima, Ohio, stating that there
would be a meeting of the probate
judges of Ohio at the Cattenden
Hotel, in Columbus, December 21, to
adopt plans for holding over a year,
based on the recent constitutional
amendment providing for biennial
elections.

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AGAINST FIELD.Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—The fight for
the speakership of the house is still
Carmi Thompson against the field, as
measured by the developments today.Many republican representatives are
here and more are coming forward.Jas. A. Welker, of Stark County, is
being pushed by his friends, while F. W.
Demuth, of Paulding county, is
ready to accept the honor at any time.Geo. Little, of Greene county, seems
to be slightly gaining while George A.
Bassett, of Lucas and Wm. Z. Roll, of
Warren, have considerable following.All these men are here and mixing
with the throng at the hotels and
sizing up the situation.NO CONTESTS
HAVE BEEN FILED.Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—Up to noon
no formal contests had been filed for
seats in the house or senate. There was
considerable excitement among the
legislators today when the rumor
was circulated that the seat of Rep-
resentative Demuth, of Paulding coun-
ty would be contested and also the
seat of Representative Louis H. Paine,
of Toledo.The boilermakers have conducted
themselves as gentlemen from the
moment they left the shop. Never was
there even an intimation of violence,
and they are deserving of the public's
plaudits for their good citizenship.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH.

The services next Sunday will be of
unusual interest. In the morning the
pastor will preach to the boys and
girls of the Sunday school. They will
sit in classes in the center seats. In
the evening the choir will give a con-
cert of sacred music of great merit.The music in Trinity has greatly im-
proved since it has been in charge of
Prof. Ryder, and the introduction of
the new hymnal marks the beginning
of a new era in church worship. To-
morrow we hope to print the program
for the Sunday song service in full.

VERY CRITICAL

STOCK MARKET

Prices Moved Narrowly
at Opening.General List Was Mixed Up
Losses and Gains

Breaking Even.

BIG PROFIT TAKING

In Wheat Sent Options on
May Deliveries Down
Little.Quotations on Live Stock,
Grain, Produce and
Provisions.New York, Dec. 7.—Wall Street—
Prices moved narrowly in the opening
deals in contrast with the changes
of special stocks in recent markets.
The rise of 1½ in Tenn. Coal was the
most conspicuous. Changes in the
general list were very much mixed,
gains and losses being very evenly
divided.

May Wheat Off.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Heavy profit tak-
ing in wheat here today sent the May
option up to \$3 1/4.Weakness of wheat depressed May
corn to 45 1/4 @ 4 1/4.On moderate realization by small
holders, May oats sold off to 32 3/4.May provision opened firm; pork at
13 7/8; lamb at 7 1/2; ribs 7 2/3.

Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Cattle receipts
10,000; market steady; beefers 3 1/2
@ 6 1/2; cows and heifers 1 1/2 @
4 7/8; stockers and feeders 2 1/2 @
4 1/2; Texans 3 1/2 @ 4 2/5; westerns
3 3/4 @ 4 7/8.Hogs receipts 28,000, market 5 to
10 cents higher, mixed and butchers4 1/2 @ 5 1/2; good heavy 5 1/2 @
5 1/2; rough heavy 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2; light
7 1/2 @ 5 1/2; pigs 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2; bulk
of sales 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2.

Sheep receipts 18,000, market steady

sheep 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2; lambs 4 1/2 @
5 1/2.

A Few Bales.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7.—The National
Gimmers report indicates a total crop
of 9,623,000 bales with 8,486,000 bales
ginned up to December 1.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7.—Hogs, active;
butchers and shippers 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2;

common 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2.

Cattle quiet, fair good shippers 4 1/2 @
4 1/2.Sheep steady 3 1/2 @ 5 1/2; lambs steady
4 1/2 @ 7 1/2.

Pittsburg Stock.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 7.—Cattle supply
light; market steady.Hogs supply 30 double decks; market
ruled slow and 10 to 15 cents lower
than yesterday's prices on most all
grades. Heavy \$5.30; mediums \$5.25@
5.30; heavy workers \$5.25@5.30; light
workers and pigs \$5.25; roughs \$4.90;
stags \$4.75.

Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Cattle
receipts light; market steady.

Sheep, Monday, price.

Hogs, receipts 40 cars; market low-
er, all grades \$5.20@5.25.Sheep receipts 30 cars; market low-
er; best lambs \$7.00; yearlings \$6.50@
7.00; best wether sheep \$7.50@8.00; mixed
sheep \$5.50@5.75.Heavy ewes \$4.50@5.50; calves \$6@
6.50.

Toledo Grain.

Toledo, O., Dec. 7.—Wheat, cash
90; Dec. 90; May 92; July 86.

Corn, cash 47; Dec. 46 1/2; May 45 1/2.

Oats, cash 33; Dec. 33; May 34 1/2.

Clover seed, cash 8 1/2%; Dec.
18 1/2; Jan. 22 1/2.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Teresa Callahan is visiting in
Wapakoneta.Mrs. Edward Lump and daughter,
of Wapakoneta, are visiting Lima
friends.The illness of her grandson called
Mrs. Andrew Kohler here from Wap-
akoneta today.Mrs. J. E. Collins of St. Marys is
the guest of Mrs. Samuel Bowersock.

Mrs. P. H. Green of St

THE RAILWAYS

Papa Annulled Trackage Agreement

Says the Erie Had No Money So Could Not Buy

the C. H. & D.

BOILERMAKERS AGREE

To Return to Work and All the Old Men Will Go Back.

General News Along the Lines and Gossip About the Shops.

LIMA, O., Dec. 7.—The first intimation of any friction between the Zimmerman and Morgan interests came this afternoon with the following statement from Mr. Zimmerman himself: "There are no longer any working agreements or contracts between the Detroit, Toledo and Western and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad." To the question as to when the agreements were annulled Mr. Zimmerman said: "Very recently."

No further explanation would be given as to the full purport of this statement, and he also denied that he had any connection with New York had anything to do with this statement. He was next asked if there were any disagreements in the personal position between himself and Morgan. He said: "It is just as I said before, we are on a perfectly friendly footing, in spite of this apparent commercial condition of affairs."

The trouble was that the Erie wanted the road, and was forced to put up Erie bonds to pay for it. The Erie did not buy the Erie bonds, and so the road had no money with which to pay for the C. H. and D. It then got back to Mr. Morgan, as a matter of consequence. It probably made him angry, but the Erie simply could not pay it, and there was no other way out of it.

LITTLE DOING.

In the Line of Construction On the Trolleys.

Trolley building for this season is nearly at an end. The ground is frozen and the weather is getting cold to permit much progress. Very little is being accomplished on the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Detroit, the line being built from Toledo to Ann Arbor. During the winter, when

DOES THIS SUIT YOU?

C. W. Hester, the enterprising druggist of 35 Public Square, Lima, is having such a large run on "HINDIPO," the new kidney cure and nerve tonic, and hear it so highly praised that they now offer to guarantee it in every case to cure all forms of kidney troubles and nervous disorders.

They pay for it if it does not give you entire satisfaction.

If you use it, it is their risk, not yours. A five box sent by mail under positive guarantee.

The weather will permit, some work will be done at various points along the line, but the great bulk of construction work will now be postponed until spring. The Patrick Hirsch Construction company has completed about 29 miles of track-laying, and the grading is nearly all done. Good progress has been made on the bridges. On the Lima-Toledo line, a stretch of road designed to close up the last gap in the proposed trolley system connecting Toledo with Dayton, the work has narrowed down to ballasting, and it is the intention of the contractors to have this completed by January 1, at which time it is the intention of the Western Ohio and connecting lines to install the through service. Work on other traction projects in this part of Ohio has practically been suspended until next spring.

STRIKE IS ENDED.

Boilermakers Taken Back as Individuals Today.

The strike of the C. H. and D. boilermakers as intimated in the Times-Democrat yesterday noting the conference between the committee of men and Master Mechanic Hinckley is over, and this morning over half of the men who went out took up their old jobs at the shops. With the severance of relations with the Erie system the one grievance was dissolved, and it required but a hand shake and an expression of good feeling to bring about the adjustment of matters between the road and the men.

It is understood that the general understanding is that the men go back as individuals and not as a body, and that those of the number of the men imported here who are sufficiently skilled to retain their position and are desirable in every way will be retained at the option of Master Mechanic Hinckley.

MASTER MECHANIC'S TALK.

Master Mechanic Hinckley, when seen today regarding the settlement, stated that the facts were practically as above outlined, but that he did not nor has he been asked to discharge any of the new men, most of whom were highly satisfactory.

"The strike on the C. H. and D. is officially declared off," said Mr. Hinckley. "National President George Dunne and a committee of the men were in session with me yesterday from nine until 11:30 o'clock, and from 1 until 4 o'clock. They asked me what I would do if they declared the strike off, and I told them the men had good standing with the company and that I would take them back

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is the worst disease on earth, yet the easiest to cure WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. Many people have pimples, spots on the skin, sores in the mouth, ulcers, failing hair, bone pains, catarrh, and don't know it is BLOOD POISON. Send to DR. BROWN, 935 Arch St., Philadelphia, Penn., for BROWN'S BLOOD CURE. \$2.00 a bottle; lasts one month.

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as individuals but not in a body. This was perfectly agreeable, and the men were thoroughly satisfied. Acting on this, I this morning employed ten of the old boilermakers and 18 of the helpers."

This makes a big force doesn't it?"

"It makes nearly 100 men in the boiler works department including all. There are now 60 of the men brought here still with us and we will retain our bunk department, restaurant, etc., just as long as they desire it. We are feeding 65 men at the shops now."

ALL POINTS INCLUDED.

Mr. Hinckley further stated that the strike was officially off at all places, Lima, Dayton, Cincinnati, Peru and Indianapolis, and that the old men would be put on just as fast as vacancies occurred, but that some of the old ones would not be taken back owing to disloyalty to the company.

Speaking of the results and inconveniences of the strike, Mr. Hinckley, said everything had been in good running order, and that traffic was cleared up entirely Saturday, despite the congestion resulting from the great freight business all roads are now enjoying. All the engines are in good shape; the mainline department is running full force, nine hours a day, and there is plenty of work in sight.

Mr. Hinckley, as the men and the public generally, is happy over the solution of the late trouble, and all hands are to be congratulated, as no telling what may have occurred if the differences had gone on for the first few weeks of the receivership.

SOME GOOD MAN

Will Get This Good Run But It Is Undecided.

The return of Conductor Brown from the services of the C. H. and D. has brought about a guessing bee as to who will acquire his good run on the "Lima Skipper." Conductor Snyder, at present on the run, is but an extra conductor, and is not eligible for the place. To one of the outer men in line will it be given, but the one has not as yet been named.

REMEMBERED THE PASTOR.

Many of the members of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, of Jackson township, gathered at the home of Rev. J. H. Hunton, west Spring street, on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, to manifest their esteem for Rev. Hunton, who, on account of poor health, resigned the pastorate of that church last summer. These good friends brought with them liberal supplies of household gifts for all of which Rev. Hunton returns his grateful thanks.

DO IT NOW.

Have your teeth filled by Drs. A. and J. W. Diamond and enday the hold-day-deficiencies.

VAN WERT TEAM

Defeated the Majestic Polo Players Last Night.

The Majestic polo team went to Van Wert last night in search of revenge for the defeat which the Van Wert team recently administered to the local team on the Majestic floor. The boys played a great game but were not fast enough to defeat the Van Werters who won the contest by a score of 6 to 2.

FINLEY'S RINK.

This is the night of the big reception, Grand march and programs at 8:30. The Rexos at 9:15. Balcony 10 cents.

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of Lafayette public schools for the month ending Dec. 1: High school: P. E. Kilgore, teacher; enrollment 29; days absent 21; per cent of daily attendance 93.

Grammar department: Earl Brown, teacher; enrollment 22; days absent 22; per cent of daily attendance 91.

Intermediate department: Blanche Kusey, teacher; enrollment 27; days absent 12; per cent of attendance 98.

Primary department: Ethel Watt, teacher; enrollment 20; days absent 12; percent of attendance 97.

Banner pupils in high school: senior grade, Joseph McNealy; junior grade, Blanche Brummet; freshman grade, Eva Prator; teacher's grade, Thomas Robinson; grammar dept. A class, Eva Durbin; B class, Nellie Bowers; C class, Nellie Taylor.

Intermediate dept.: A class, Georgia Fackler; B class, Belle Vint; C class, Lee Downard.

Primary Dept.: A class, Craig Kershaw; B class, Glenn Albert; C class, Carl Albert.

P. E. KILGORE, Supt.

PYTHIAN KNIGHTS

Elected Officers at Their Session Last Night.

Lima Lodge No. 91, K. of P. elected the following officers last night for the man: Lee Copeland, B. C. Comford; ensuing term: C. C. Charles Stugman; U. C. Lee Copeland; prelate, H. S. French; M. of W. Carl Fletcher; K. of R. and S. J. N. Hutchinson; M. of Ex. S. M. Churchill; M. of F. C. F. Metheny; M. at A. George Eckert; L. G. Clark Miller; O. G. N. H. Roberts; trustee, H. H. Homan; representative to the grand lodge, C. N. Breese and O. N. Young; alternates, J. W. Blackburn and B. F. Welty.

R. T. GREGG & CO.

Cloaks, Cloaks, Cloaks.

Friday morning we will offer our entire line of ladies, misses and children's coats at a Big Discount from their regular price. You all know our reputation on the cloak question. We want you to take advantage of this grand opportunity and buy first class garments at way down prices. Ladies' coats in blue, black, brown, green and gray; also a complete assortment of mixed cloths. ALL AT A BIG DISCOUNT.

Misses' Coats

In blue, black, brown, green and gray mixed cloths as well ALL GO AT A BIG DISCOUNT.

Children's Coats.

The newest effects of the season are included in this discount sale of cloaks. If you are cloak inclined at all, we would say, now is the time. We urge you to consider this opportunity of buying first class cloaks at money saving prices. Sale commences Friday and will continue for an indefinite period.

FURS.

The greatest line in Allen county, all at popular prices, all suitable for Christmas presents.

Visit our basement department; it's all aglow with choice china and statuary for Xmas.

R. T. Gregg & Co.

MUSIC FRIDAY AND SATURDAY evenings at Hartman's Holiday Opening, 7:30 to 9:30. Schubert Ladies' Mandolin Club.

\$5.00 ST. LOUIS AND RETURN. Via Clover Leaf Route, Dec. 16 and 17, 1905.

It makes no difference how long you have been sick. If you are troubled with indigestion, constipation, liver and kidney troubles, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well. 35 cents. H. F. Vorkamp.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

At the U. B. Church Celebration Services Last Night.

THE FORMER PASTOR,

Rev. R. W. Wilgus Adressed the Meeting Tonight's Program.

Profound interest and large audiences are the predominating features at the quarter centennial celebration which continues its progress at the United Brethren church on east Spring street. There was a splendid audience present last night to greet Rev. R. W. Wilgus who was pastor of the congregation from 1895 to 1899.

The evening's service began with an inspiring song and service during the course of which a vocal solo was rendered by Rev. J. F. Jones, the popular harpist. An interesting history of the W. men's Foreign Missionary Society was read by Mrs. Anna Jameson, secretary of the society, after which the pastor, Rev. A. E. Davis, introduced Rev. E. E. Swords, pastor of the new United Brethren church at Elida,

Special Values



Of more than passing interest; our stock of Cloaks and Suits has been maintained to meet the demand of Christmas shoppers; as many garments of most recent styles as at any time during the season, but our values to you will be greater than ever at such a time as this.

—ALL OUR—

"Wooltex" Cloth Coats

Of the \$25.00 to \$27.50 kinds will be offered at

\$20.00 EACH.

These are 45 to 50 inch lengths of fine broadcloth handsomely lined with guaranteed satin; coats that are not equalled anywhere else at the price and are controlled by us exclusively; all other cloth coats at a proportionate reduction.

Children's Coats

As carefully made, with as much regard for comfort and quality as is given to the ladies' garments, have been divided into just 5 lots.

Coats that were \$15.00 are in one lot at **\$8.69**

Coats that were \$11.00 are in one lot at **\$7.69**

Coats that were \$10.00 are in one lot at **\$6.69**

Coats that were \$7.50 are in one lot at **\$5.69**

Coats that were \$6.50 are in one lot at **\$4.69**

A few of all sorts at **\$3.69**.

Ladies Cloth Suits

That have been so much in demand all season are here in all sizes to 44 bust, and prices to meet all demands for thoroughly reliable, tailor-made wear; for the purpose of a quick clearance we give a uniform reduction of 25 per cent on all cloth suits including all those that have been specially priced. All alterations on cloth suits will be charged for.



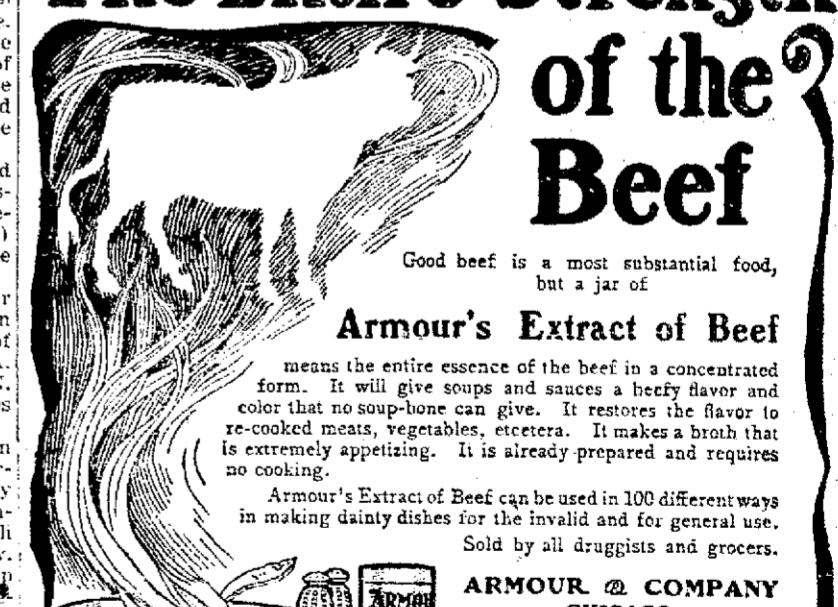
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Good beef is a most substantial food, but a jar of

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means the entire essence of the beef in a concentrated form. It will give soups and sauces a beefy flavor and color that no soup-bone can give. It restores the flavor to re-cooked meats, vegetables, etc. It makes a broth that especially enjoyed this part of the program.

The sixty relatives gathered found many causes for thanksgiving, especially that (while a few were detained at home on account of illness) the hand of death had not visited the family in the past year.

Mother Bowers, who is in her eighty-first year, was present and in good health, as were five out of eight of her children—Messrs. W. A. and C. W. Bowers and Mesdames N. W. Stump, A. Cass and L. E. Crites with their families.

The day was spent in conversation and reminiscences. Music was furnished by the young folks. The day was closed with a thank offering, consisting of various articles which were presented to the minister Rev. J. C. Cupp and family. Rev. Cupp gave an interesting talk on family reunions, their purpose and benefit, which all enjoyed. With the sinking of the sun they separated, hoping to meet again, if not here, in a better world beyond.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

You will never tire of Mrs. Austin's Pancakes. A fresh supply now on hand at your grocers.

Now is the time to guard the health and strength of the lungs. The best remedy to use for coughs and colds is the B. Laxative Honey and Tar. The only cough syrup that does not constipate the bowels, but which on the other hand, expels all cold from the system by acting as a pure laxative.

Best for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Sold by H. F. Vorkamp.

LOST IN THE WOODS.

O. B. Crites returned from Maine last Wednesday with two deer as trophies of his ten days' hunt. Mr. Crites had quite a thrilling experience while in the Maine forests. While trailing a wounded deer he became separated from his companions and when night overtook him, he was many miles from camp and completely lost. He was cold and hungry, with only a little red squirrel between him and starvation, and one match as a prospect of a fire, and with but two loads of ammunition.

With the greatest of care he prepared a few thin shavings and succeeded in starting a fire, roasted his squirrel and ate it without bread or salt and then made him a wigwam and bed of pine boughs, but Mr. Crites says it was the longest night he ever spent.

Next morning his companions—two men—started in search of him. About noon they discovered him, fed him on biscuits with which they had filled their pockets and then conducted him back to camp. O. B. was very thoughtful for an amateur. When he found he was lost he blazed the trees and wrote his name thereon that whoever crossed the trail might easily follow him. Mr. Crites says there is one hunter spoiled, as he will never go again.

The Man Who Went Wrong

By C. E. LEWIS

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There had been a gale in the gulf all day long, and as daylight came and the Cuban scouts looked out of the cabin in which they had lain through the night the white-tipped waves were crashing each other ashore like so many billows. They were there to meet the blockade runner which was to have made cargo for them the previous day, but the gale had kept her away from the coast.

"What is it?" was asked as one of the group uttered a shout and pointed to sea.

"Boom!" came the report of a gun as if in answer.

Five miles off the coast was a tiny raft heading straight for the shore under a bit of sail, and not half a mile ahead was a Spanish gunboat which had opened fire at the receding target. Such was the tumble of the waves that the larger craft might have fired all day long and only then became apparent to the watchers, but a lucky shot by accident, and right she would at least reach the breakers in safety. Then heaven help the man who was sailing her. She came on like a gull, sometimes hovering, and she seemed to launch herself through the air and again sinking so far out of sight and being hidden so that the watchers held their breaths.

"A hoh! cheer!" As the water began to shoo the gunboat showed her head around and waded in the trough of the sea for a moment, as if she would turn turtle, and then got her keel under her and turned out to sea. The scouts waved their hats and cheered the man who was holding the stem of the boat, and more than a skip, straight for the beach at their feet. They ran and pulled down a vine from a tree, formed in line with the outer man up to his waist in the boiling foam, and when the craft struck the first breaker was hurled end over end and the stranger was caught by the collar of his jacket and drawn out of the grip of the deadly undertow.

"Well done and thanks for it," he said five minutes later, when he had cleared his eyes and mouth of salt water.

"How came you afloat in that craft?" asked the leader.

"I came from Key West to join you, for we are insurgents, I take it? Take me to headquarters."

"But you braved the gale in that raft?"

"I should before it all night."

"And you—have come to help us?"

"Take me to headquarters," answered the man. And he shut his jaws and would talk no more.

A man was detailed to conduct him to his insurgent headquarters. What the stranger said to the general never will be known. Perhaps he told all:—

—He simply said that like many another American free lance he had come to help Cuba win her independence. Good men were too scarce for my caviling. In two days the stranger, who had simply been dubbed "Yankee," was scouting. He was silent and taciturn and made no friends, and when it was found that he had plenty of courage the men rallied to him and were led by him without surroundings or jealousies. They said of him to each other when out of earshot:

"He is educated. He is a gentleman. He has gone wrong somehow. Let us tell his secret, however."

Three months after the landing, General Weyler had offered a reward for him, dead or alive. He detailed his scouts for no other purpose but to find him.

Day by day he railed at them for their want of success. One by one their number dwindled away under the bullets of Yankee's little band of ten.

The Spanish tried bribery, but the insurgents turned their backs on the summae. They set traps, but the Cuban scouts accented them and refused to walk in.

In six months a hundred Spanish soldiers owed their death to the little band, and a hundred night alarms could be had to the same cause. Then there came a day when Spanish cunning prevailed. Men were sent out to be decoys and fall beneath Cuban bullets, while those who lived fell back in seeming panic. The ruse succeeded, and the rebels surrounded.

It was on the edge of an old sugar plantation. When the leader saw that he was cut off and that he was surrounded on all sides, he gave orders to retreat to the engine house of the mill. It was a small brick building and when doors and windows had been barricaded, they had neither food nor water, and their cartridges were reduced to seven per man. It did not take the slowest-witted man among them more than a matter of an hour to realize that the engine house was a death trap. All instinctively gathered about the leader.

No one asked a question. The posture of each man spoke for him.

"They are 400 to 10," said Yankee as he looked around him. "We have set many booby traps, and we must kill seven of the enemy. After that?"

"What?"

"We must die fighting with our matches. We will make a rush for it and die fighting."

"But if we could send word to Go—mer?"

"He has 200 men with him," answered the leader, with a laugh. "If he had a thousand, who of us is to penetrate the Spanish lines and notify him? A bird could fly over them, but a fox could not make his way through them. No my comrades, it is the end. We have fought long and well. It only remains to die without shame. Whenever you see a target plant a bullet into it. We must have seventy lives for our ten. It will take them till noon tomorrow to get a cannon here. Now to work."

The Spanish maintained a hot musket fire all the afternoon, but their bullets were thrown away. It was more for moral effect than any hope that the lead might reach any of the defenders. On the contrary, the trap-men fired only when they had a human target within range, and not a bullet was wasted.

The night passed quietly. There was no earthy show for the Cubans to escape through that cordon, and men were under arms all night to repel a sudden rush. When morning came the fusillade recommenced, and at 11 o'clock the fieldpiece arrived. There had been no drum from the Cubans for the last half hour. Their last cartridge had been expended.

"This will be the way of it," said Yankee as the men gathered around. "We shall first be summoned to surrender. If any one or all of you want to take advantage of that, well and good. You will probably be shot with half an hour, but there is a bare possibility that the Spanish may keep faith with you. Any one want to try it?"

There was a murmur of dissent from every man.

"Very well. We will reject surrender. They will then open fire. Whether they use solid shot or shell, they will batter down these walls like paper. Get the barricade at the door ready to throw down when I give the word, and then we will give our old battle cry for the last time and have at them. You bring was so good that I have scored off seven for each man, but we can get out more apiece in the rush. We shall go under, but we have comrades who will know how we died."

Under a flag of truce they were summoned to surrender, but the ten answered with cheers of defiance. Then the cannon opened fire, and at the third discharge the barricade was thrown down, and there was a cheer and a rush. The useless guns were left behind. It was a rush, a melee, a mad whirl of fighters, and then all was over. The ten had got another man apiece and more. Their comrades back in the thickets heard the tale days after we read it in the papers after weeks had gone by. All of us said the same. It was the way to die for Cuba.

Where the woods grow rank and the hideous land crabs scamper about unchecked and unafraid there is a grave for nine. Some strange fragment of sentiment caused the Spanish commander to give the tenth man a grave by himself. Had he finished his work by erecting a headboard he might have written thereon, "Here lieth a man who went wrong, but in death he atoned for it." But a week later no wolf could have found the spot.

Him Happy Return.

It was Old Home week, and the returned sons and grandsons had been telling with more or less pride of the changes time had wrought for them. At last Edward Jameson spoke:

"I went away from here twenty years ago a poor young man, with only one solitary dollar in my pocket. I walked the four miles from my father's farm to the station, and there I begged a ride to Boston on a freight car. Last night I drove into town to buy a spiffed pair of horses, and my purse—guess how much my purse holds in money today, besides a large check."

And Mr. Jameson looked about him with a brilliant smile.

"Fifty dollars!"

"Seventy-five!"

"A hundred!" shouted the boys, filled with admiration.

"No," said Mr. Jameson, drawing a large dat purse from his pocket when the clamor had subsided, "none of you has guessed right. When I had paid the 25 cents to Ozzy Boggs for my refreshing drive in the couch I had, besides my trunk check (which I retained for financial reasons), exactly 4 cents. I have come back, my friends, to stay. Any little jobs of sawing and splitting will be gratefully received."

Comparative Strength of Materials.

Cast iron weighs 444 pounds to the cubic foot and an inch square bar will sustain a weight of 16,500 pounds; bronze, weight 525 pounds, tenacity 3,800; wrought iron, weight 480, tenacity 30,000; hard "struck" steel, weight 490, tenacity 78,000; aluminum, weight 108, tenacity 26,000. We are accustomed to think of metals as being stronger than wood, and so they are generally speaking, if only pieces of the same size be tested, but when equal weights of the two materials are compared it is then found that several varieties of wood are stronger than ordinary steel. A bar of pine just as heavy as a bar of steel an inch square will hold up 125,000 pounds, the best ash 175,000 pounds and some hemlock 200,000 pounds. Wood is bulky. It occupies ten or twelve times the space of steel. The best steel castings made for the United States navy have a tenacity of 65,000 to 75,000 pounds to the square inch. By solidifying such castings under great pressure a tensile strength of 30,000 to 150,000 pounds may be obtained.

About the most expensive experience the average man can have is to accept gifts.

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Signature of *Chas. H. H. H.*

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CHOKED CHILD

Until Clubbed Off By Young Son.

Sad Case of Violent Insanity Developed by Adam Wessler.

WIFE AND DAUGHTERS

Tell of Attacks Which Seized Prisoner of Late Months.

Twenty Thousand Dollars Action of Harry Frye on Trial.

Coming peacefully into the city and to the private offices of Probate Judge A. D. Miller today, accompanied only by his wife, Adam Wessler under an impulse is shown to have a sad case of violent dementia, which only circumstances have prevented from resulting in murder, while domestic animals have been killed by the prisoner when his "spells" were upon him.

Wessler is a farmer residing in Bath township, and now about 54 years of age. About this time last year he was taken with a serious illness, but was not reduced to mental irresponsibility until the past few months. Ten days ago he seized a pitchfork and stabbed one of the cows about the farm, and the animal was all but dead when discovered. About the same time he stabbed a young colt with the same pitchfork.

When questioned by the court, Wessler's answers were utterly unintelligible, more than to discern from all questions that he was at all times hungry and willing to eat everything, even frequently going to the garbage barrel, and picking morsels therefrom perhaps within an hour after he had eaten a hearty meal.

The wife told of these instances, and of his violence at times towards the children, during her absence, she stated he was always docile in her hands.

C. C. McDonald, of this city, a son-in-law, testified as to his father-in-law's attacks upon the minor children, not long since having seized his eight year old daughter, and had choked her black in the face, when a fourteen year old son seizing a huge club, drove the irate parent from his death-clutch. The lad and girl then escaped to the home of a neighbor.

Mrs. McDonald also testified as to her father's mental condition at times, and Dr. Frank Steiner's medical examination was sufficient to cause the court to declare the man insane and make application for his admission to



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TWENTY THOUSAND

Dollars For Personal Injuries Asked By Harry Frye.

Harry Frye, the well known and well-liked former locomotive engineer, is before Judge Mathers and a jury this afternoon in the action of and of him some years ago against the C. H. & I. railroad company. Frye was a former employee of this road and was injured in a wreck which is believed to have been caused by negligence on the part of the defendant company. He asks judgment in the sum of \$20,000 and is represented by Attorneys Henderson and Lewis. The case has just been opened, only two witnesses having been introduced. L. H. Longsworth and associate counsel from Dayton is making the defense in behalf of the railway company.

FOR NON-SUPPORT.

Former Oil Worker Is Brought Back From Kansas.

Detective Andy Earnest has caused the arrest of John Graham, of Neodesha, Wilson county, Kansas, a well-known oil field worker formerly engaged here, on a charge of non-support of wife and minor children, residents of this city.

ACTIONS FOR DIVORCE

Filed By Two Wives, Deserter and Mistrusted.

The common pleas court is called upon to alleviate the ills brought about by two more unfortunate marriages. Melvina Norris is plaintiff in an action against her husband, George, to whom she was united May 9, 1890 in Jay county, Indiana. Norris is alleged to have deserted his wife and two children, March 25, 1895, and even previous to that date was guilty of gross neglect of duty.

Katie Clevenger is plaintiff in a suit against her husband Geo. M. Clevenger, whom she married in Putnam county on Thanksgiving day, 1887, and to whom three children have been born. The husband is alleged to have struck, kicked and beaten the wife, and told her to leave home and never come back, which she did while they resided near Celina, September 27, 1899. She also alleges gross neglect; asks for alimony sufficient to educate the children, two of whom are with defendant's parents.

FIFTY CANDIDATES

Initiated Into Lima Tent No. 142, Knights of the Maccabees.

MANY VISITORS CAME

To Witness the Work of the Degree Team—Smoker Followed.

One of the greatest sessions ever held by the Knights of the Maccabees of this city was that held Tuesday evening by Lima Tent No. 142 at the lodge quarters in the Cahill building at Main and Spring streets. The occasion was the initiation of a class of fifty candidates and an invitation that had been issued to the tents of the neighboring towns and cities brought many visiting Sir Knights to the city, twenty being present from the little village of Westminster. The degree team of Lima tent, with Sir Knight B. F. Wharton as King, exemplified the ritualistic work of the order in splendid style and landed the fifty candidates safely in the camp of their friends. The members of the team were highly complimented for their work.

The secret work was followed by a smoker session during which an address was delivered by Ed. L. Young, of Norwalk, Ohio, who is now great commander of the order in Ohio.

TRENTON ROCK

Fields Are Picking Up Some.

Weather Has Been Favorable and Producers Have Gone Ahead.

ALLEN COUNTY WORK.

Mansfield Oil Company Is Drilling Mohler Farm in Shawnee.

Epworth Church Is Having Well Drilled on Its Church Lot.

Operations are picking up some throughout the Trenton rock oil fields. This is the season of the year when there is usually a decline, but the weather has been so favorable the oil men have embraced the opportunity to do more work than during former seasons.

Allen County Developments. In Bath township, Allen county, the Royal Oil company has abandoned well No. 1 on the Moses Greer farm, section 26. The same company has a rig up for No. 4 on the F. J. Moore farm, same section. Well & Johnson have abandoned wells Nos. 7 and 11 on the W. Baker farm, section 9. Duff Bras. & Co. are drilling a test on the B. Driver farm, section 2.

In Marion township, the Ohio Oil company has abandoned wells Nos. 1 and 2 on the E. J. Judkins farm, section 9.

In German township, C. A. Lawton is drilling No. 5 M. M. East farm, section 21, and Alex. Lacroix has abandoned No. 2 on the J. N. Boop farm, section 24.

In Amanda township, R. J. Straight is drilling No. 3 J. J. Kroft farm, section 16, and has abandoned No. 3 Wm. Neff farm, section 14.

In Shawnee township, the Mansfield Oil company is drilling No. 5 on the Mary Mohler farm, section 12.

In Richland township, the Sun Oil company is drilling No. 9 M. J. Colter farm, section 35. The Clover Leaf Oil company is drilling No. 2 M. Lantz farm, section 22. The Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 14 Gratz heirs' farm, section 21. Harry J. Adams is drilling No. 3 Dan Augsburger farm, section 27, and the Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 6 H. Huber farm, section 35. Swank & Lockes have rig ton No. 1 on the Athaurs heirs' farm, section 12, and Shear & Keegan have No. 4 rig on the S. P. Steiner farm, section 15.

In Jackson township, J. A. & J. W. Glens No. 9 W. J. Hall farm, section 8, pumped 40 barrels. Their No. 13 Zion church property, in the same section, pumped 30 barrels, and No. 16 is drilling, while No. 10 is drilling on the Hall farm. The Surety Oil company's No. 1 C. E. Murray farm, in the southeast quarter of section 7, pumped 25 barrels. The United States Petroleum company has abandoned Nos. 13 and 14 E. Clay farm, section 6. R. J. Griffin has abandoned No. 9 on the C. A. Hawk farm, section 19. The Lima Oil company has abandoned Nos. 10 and 10 R. Watt farm, and No. 4 J. R. Hawk farm, section 20.

In Spencer township, M. P. Colton's No. 6 E. Berryman farm, section 7, pumped 10 barrels.

In the incorporation limits of Lima, M. Mauk has drilled a well on his lot, and it pumped 10 barrels. The

Epworth church has a well drilled on their church lot.

In Wood county, in Montgomery township, Wood county, Pearl A. M. Schild has drilled in a dry hole in No. 8 on the Jacob Stahl farm, section 24. H. C. Gorders No. 4 on his farm, section 16, is drilling 5 barrels. In Waukonawea he is drilling No. 11 on the F. Warner farm, section 17. Brington & Blessing are drilling No. 10 W. W. Wollard farm, and Wimble & Co. are drilling No. 2 F. H. Korder farm, section 20.

In Henry township, J. N. Peck, trustee, is drilling No. 7 on the Milton Sweet farm, section 1.

In Bloom township, G. A. Brownning & Co. are drilling No. 11 John Lee farm, section 5.

In Liberty township, the Mutual Oil company is drilling Well No. 22 on the J. D. Mercer farm, section 14. The Ohio Oil company has rig No. 16 up on the Edward Root farm, section 34, and are drilling No. 24 on the Samuel Mercer farm, section 13.

In Portage township, C. J. Brown has abandoned wells Nos. 1 and 2 on the R. J. Simon farm, section 22. No. 5 same farm, pumped 19 barrels. O. A. Browning & Co. have rigs up for Nos. 17 and 18 C. C. Nestorodt farm, sections Nos. 28 and 29. The Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 48 on the J. Trapnell farm, section 19.

In Middletown township, Harry G. Hammonds No. 16 on the F. Hubbard farm, section 27, pumped 2 barrels. J. G. Watts' No. 12 on the A. J. Ottitt farm, section 34, pumped 49 barrels.

In Ross township, Van Vleck, Graham & Van Vleck have abandoned well No. 2 on the W. E. Swinderman farm, section 23. The Rossford Oil & Gas company has abandoned No. 1 on the L. Redmer tract, same section, and have a duster in No. 2 Warner farm, same section.

In Jackson township, Stahl, Long & Co. have abandoned well No. 1 on the D. Long farm, section 2.

In Perry township, B. E. Onsell's

No. 1 on the F. Bold farm, section 2, pumped 12 barrels, and No. 2 is a rig up. Fred Hamilton is drilling No. 10 on the J. W. Lambright farm, section 1.

In Hancock County Operations.

In Allen township, Hancock county, the Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 14 Isaac Whelstone farm, section 13; No. 5 on the S. D. Spitzer farm, section 11, and No. 33 on the P. Alexander farm, section 25. They have rig No. 12 up on the Isaac Spitzer farm, section 11. The Ohio & Western Oil corporation is drilling No. 9 on the H. Noss farm, section 14.

In Portage township, Thos. C. Kelly's No. 12 John Kemper farm, section 15, pumped nothing but salt water the first 24 hours. The Ohio & Western Oil corporation's No. 6 on the Catherine Cloud farm, section 10, pumped nothing and is listed among the dry ones.

ORIENTAL RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

We have spread on our second floor for your critical inspection a choice and selected assortment of oriental rugs, selected and specially priced for this holiday season.

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In the assortment you will find a wide range of sizes in hearth and hall rugs. The designs are rich and rare. The list of prices are as follows: \$10, \$15, \$18, \$25, \$35, to \$65. Rugs in sizes from \$65 to \$250.

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HAD MANY SCHEMES

But All of Mr. Gardner's Companies Have Been Failures.

HOWEVER HE THINKS

That He Will Be Proven Innocent of Charge Against Him.

Insurance Commissioner Vorys will close up the affairs of the Colonial Insurance association. Attorney General Ellis has set tomorrow as the time for hearing an application to file a suit against the association in the name of the State of Ohio.

This statement made to Charles M. Gardner at police headquarters in Toledo, proved no surprise to that gentleman. He explained, in his smooth-tempered way, that he had expected it.

"I will be proven innocent of this charge of embezzlement, though," said Gardner, "and if I can get through with the trial in police court soon enough, I may yet be able to hold the Colonial company together."

Gardner is confident of his acquittal and says that he can account for the money alleged to have been embezzled by him. All of the money he declares is in the hands of other officials of the company, and that a squaring up of the books will prove it.

The Colonial company makes the fourth insurance society that Gardner has attempted to organize with varying success. The Washington Insurance company, his first venture, never got very far, as the state officials refused Gardner a license. The Lincoln company failed with Gardner's arrest on the charge of bigamy. At Elyria Gardner started another insurance company, which came to a close with his arrest on the charge of fraud. He was later cleared by the grand jury. Now it seems that his latest venture will be brought to naught by the action of Commissioner Vorys.

BIG DOINGS TONIGHT.

One of the largest crowds of the season will be at Finley's rink tonight to take part in the reception and see the Revs. Grand march at 8:30. Balcony 10 cents.

WHAT ABOUT JONAH?

All should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Rev. E. E. Young on next Sunday evening on the topic, "Jonah." It will be popular and edifying. The Y. M. C. A. quartette will be present and furnish some choice music and lead in the singing. Admission free.

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Visit our toy section in economy basement early and often